[Translation]

Decline in Hindu Population

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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether as per census between 1971 to 1991, the population of Hindus has decreased;

(b) if so, the percentage of decline, State-wise;

(c) whether the minorities population of Christians, Muslims, Buddhists and Parsis have increased, State-wise;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the reasons identified therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR) : (a) to (e) The population of Hindus has not decreased in any State or Union Territory between 1971 and 1991 censuses. (In case of Jammu & Kashmir, the 1991 census data is not available as this Census could not be conducted in this State due to disturbed conditions). However, the percentages of Hindus to total population have come down in some States and Union Territories between 1971 and 1991 censuses.

The minorities population of Christians, Muslims Buddhists and Parsis (Zoroastrian/Zoroastrianism) have also increased between 1971 and 1991 Censuses in all the States and Union Territories except in case of Christians in Andhra Pradesh, Buddhists in Bihar, Goa, Kerala and Parsis (Zoroastrian/Zoroastrianism) in Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, Gujarat, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Manipur, Rajasthan, West Bengal, Delhi and Pondicherry. A table showing total population and population of Hindus, Muslims, Christians, Buddhists, Zoroastrian/Zoroastrianism (Parsis) and their proportion to total population for India, States/Union Territories as per the 1971 and 1991 Censuses is annexed as *Statement.*

It may be mentioned that human fertility depends upon several factors like level of Female literacy/education, economic status of the family, residence (urban/rural), status of women in society, infant mortality rate, access to public health facilities and contraception etc. The decedal increase in population by religion reflected in the 1991 census is a macro-level picture and an in-depth analysis, isolating other factors contributing to this, would be required before drawing a co-relation between fertility/increase in population and religion.

Statement

Total Population and Population of Hindus, Muslims, Christians, Buddhists, Zoroastrian/Zoroastrianism (Parsi) and their proportion to total population for India, States/Union Territories as per the 1971 and 1991 Censuses

Sl. No.	State/Union Territory	Census Year	Total Population	Hindus	Muslims	Christians	Buddhists	Zoroastrian/ Zoroastrianism (Parsi)
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
I	India	1991	838,583,988	687,646,721	101,596,057	19,640,284	6,387,500	76,382
	(excluding Jammu		100.00	82.00	12.12	2.34	0.76	0.01
	& Kashmir)	1971	543,543,020	542,032,338	58,378,140	14,217,863	3,816,986	91,374
			100.00	83.16	10.74	2.62	0.70	0.02
1.	Andhra Pradesh	1991	66,508,008	59,281,950	5,923,954	1,216,348	22,153	439
			100.00	89.14	8.91	1.83	0.03	0.00
		1971	43,502,708	38,119,279	3,520,166	1,823,436	10,035	486
			100.00	87.63	8.09	4.19	0.02	0.00

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	1991	864,558	320,212	11,922	89,013	111,372	—
			100.00	37.04	1.38	10.30	12.88	—
		1971	467,511	102,832	842	3,684	61,400	—
			100.00	22.00	0.18	0.79	13.13	—
3.	Assam	1991	22,414,322	15,047,293	6,373,204	744,367	64,008	4
			100.00	67.13	28.43	3.32	0.29	0.00
		1971	14,625,152	10,604,618	3,592,124	381,010	22,565	1
			100.00	72.51	24.56	2.61	0.15	0.00
4.	Bihar	1991	86,374,465	71,193,417	12,787,985	843,717	3,518	185
			100.00	82.42	14.81	0.98	0.00	0.00
		1971	56,353,369	47,031,801	7,594,173	658,717	4,806	495
			100.00	83.46	13.48	1.17	0.01	0.00
5.	Goa	1991	1,169,793	756,621	61,455	349,225	240	170
			100.00	64.68	5.25	29.85	0.02	0.01
		1971	795,120	496,389	26,480	270,126	260	135
			100.00	62.43	3.33	33.97	0.03	0.02
6.	Gujarat	1991	41,309,582	36,964,228	3,606,920	181,753	11,615	12,924
			100.00	89.48	8.73	0.44	0.03	0.03
		1971	26,697,475	23,835,471	2,249,055	109,341	5,469	15,131
			100.00	89.28	8.42	0.41	0.02	0.06
7.	Haryana	1991	16,463,648	14,686,512	763,775	15,699	2,058	—
			100.00	89.21	4.64	0.10	0.01	—
		1971	10,036,808	8,956,310	405,723	9,802	845	5
			100.00	89.23	4.04	0.10	0.01	0.00
8.	Himachal Pradesh	1991	5,170,877	4,958,560	89,134	4,435	64,081	37
			100.00	95.89	1.72	0.09	1.24	0.00
		1971	3,460,434	3,324,627	50,327	3,556	35,937	51
			100.00	96.08	1.45	0.10	1.04	0.00
9.	Jammu & Kashmir	1991	Census could not be conducted due to disturbed conditions.					
		1971	4,616,632	1,404,292	3,040,129	7,182	57,956	4
			100.00	30.42	65.85	0.16	1.26	0.00
10.	Karnataka	1991	44,977,201	38,432,027	5,234,023	859,478	73,012	568
			100.00	85.45	11.64	1.91	0.16	0.00
		1971	29,299,014	25,332,388	3,113,296	613,026	14,139	344
			100.00	86.46	10.63	2.09	0.05	0.00

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
11.	Kerala	1991	29,098,518	16,668,587	6,788,364	5,621,510	223	205
			100.00	57.28	23.33	19.32	0.00	0.00
		1971	21,347,375	12,683,277	4,162,718	4,494,089	605	46
			100.00	59.41	19.50	21.05	0.00	0.00
12.	Madhya Pradesh	1991	66,181,170	61,412,898	3,282,800	426,598	216,667	92
			100.00	92.80	4.96	0.64	0.33	0.00
		1971	41,654,119	39,024,162	1,815,685	286,072	81,823	736
			100.00	93.69	4.36	0.69	0.20	0.00
13.	Maharashtra	1991	78,937,187	64,033,213	7,628,755	885,030	5,040,785	60,501
			100.00	81.12	9.66	1.12	6.39	0.08
		1971	50,412,235	41,307,287	4,233,023	717,174	3,264,223	72,266
			100.00	81.94	8.40	1.42	6.48	0.14
14.	Manipur	1991	1,837,149	1,059,470	133,535	626,669	711	—
			100.00	57.67	7.27	34.11	0.04	—
		1971	1,072,753	623,597	70,969	279,243	495	2
			100.00	58.97	6.62	26.03	0.05	0.00
15.	Meghalaya	1991	1,774,774	260,306	61,462	1,146,092	2,934	13
			100.00	14.67	3.46	64.58	0.17	0.00
		1971	1,011,699	187.140	26,347	475,267	1,878	6
			100.00	18.50	2.60	46.98	0.19	0.00
16.	Mizoram	1991	689,756	34,788	4,538	591,342	54,024	--
			100.00	5.04	0.66	85.73	7.83	—
		1971	332,390	21,229	1,882	286,141	22,647	—
			100.00	6.39	0.57	86.09	6.81	—
17.	Nagaland	1991	1,209,546	122,473	20,642	1,057,940	581	—
			100.00	10.13	1.71	87.47	0.05	—
		1971	516,449	59,031	2,966	344,798	179	—
			100.00	11.43	0.57	66.76	0.03	—
18.	Orissa	1991	31,659,736	29,971,257	577,775	666,220	9,153	10
			100.00	94.67	1.82	2.10	0.03	0.00
		1971	21,944,615	21,121,056	326,507	378,888	8,462	2
			100.00	96.25	1.49	1.73	0.04	0.00
19.	Punjab	1991	20,281,969	6,989,226	239,401	225,163	24,930	30
			100.00	34.46	1.18	1.11	0.12	0.00
		1971	13,551,060	5,087,235	114,447	162,202	1,374	1
			100.00	37.54	0.84	1.20	0.01	0.00

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
20.	Rajasthan	1991	44,005,990	39,201,099	3,525,339	47,989	4,467	—
			100.00	89.08	8.01	0.11	0.01	—
		1971	25,765,806	23,093,895	1,778,275	30,202	3,642	281
			100.00	89.63	6.90	0.12	0.01	0.00
21.	Sikkim	1991	406,457	277,881	3,849	13,413	110,371	15
			100.00	68.37	0.95	3.30	27.15	0.00
		1971	209,843	144,544	335	1,663	62,617	—
			100.00	68.88	0.16	0.79	29.84	—
22.	Tamil Nadu	1991	55,858,946	49,532,052	3,052,717	3,179,410	2,128	153
			100.00	88.67	5.47	5.69	0.00	0.00
		1971	41,199,168	36,674,150	2,103,899	2,367,749	1,148	75
			100.00	89.02	5.11	5.75	0.00	0.00
23.	Tripura	1991	2,757,205	2,384,934	196,495	46,472	128,260	—
			100.00	86.50	7.13	1.69	4.65	—
		1971	1,556,342	1,393,689	103,962	15,713	42,285	—
			100.00	89.55	6.68	1.01	2.72	—
24.	Uttar Pradesh	1991	139,112,287	113,712,829	24,109,684	199,575	221,433	389
			100.00	81.74	17.33	0.14	0.16	0.00
		1971	88,341,144	73,997,597	13,676,533	131,810	39,639	387
			100.00	83.76	15.48	0.15	0.04	0.00
25.	West Bengal	1991	68,077,965	50,866,624	16,075,836	383,477	203,578	512
			100.00	74.72	23.61	0.56	0.30	0.00
		1971	44,312,011	34,611,864	9,064,338	251,752	121,504	585
			100.00	78.11	20.46	0.57	0.27	0.00
1.	Andaman & Nicobar Islands	1991	280,661	189,521	21,354	67,211	322	3
			100.00	67.53	7.61	23.95	0.11	0.00
		1971	115,133	70,134	11,655	30,342	103	2
			100.000	60.92	10.12	26.35	0.09	0.00
2.	Chandigarh	1991	642,015	486,895	17,477	5,030	699	9
			100.00	75.84	2.72	0.78	0.11	0.00
		1971	257,251	184,395	3,720	2,504	92	5
			100.00	71.68	1.45	0.97	0.04	0.00
3.	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	1991	138,477	132,213	3,341	2,092	200	78
			100.00	95.48	2.41	1.51	0.14	0.06
		1971	74,170	71,075	740	1,918	73	19
			100.00	95.83	1.00	2.59	0.10	0.03

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
4.	Daman & Diu	1991	101,586	89,153	9,048	2,904	31	—
			100 00	87.76	8.91	2.86	0.03	—
		1971	62,651	54,093	5,770	2,383	—	—
			100.00	86.34	9.21	3.80	(—)	—
5.	Delhi	1991	9,420,644	7,892,164	889,641	83,152	13,906	41
			100.00	83.67	9.44	0.88	0.15	0.00
		1971	4,065,698	3,407,835	263,019	43,720	8,720	302
			100.00	83.82	6.47	1.08	0.21	0.01
6.	Lakshdweep	1991	51,707	2,337	48,765	598	1	1
			100.00	4.52	94.31	1.16	0.00	0.00
		1971	31,810	1,545	30,019	239	—	—
			100.00	4.86	94.37	0.75	—	—
7.	Pondicherry	1991	807,785	695,981	52,867	58,362	39	3
			100.00	86.16	6.54	7.22	0.00	0.00
		1971	471,707	400,793	29,143	41,296	21	11
			100.00	84.97	6.18	8.75	0.00	0.00

Notes: 1. No Census was conducted in Jammu & Kashmir in 1991 due to disturbed conditions.
2. Total Population includes figures of 'Sikhs', 'Jains', 'Other Religions and Persuasions' and 'Religion Not Stated'.
3. *Figures of Zoroastrian/Zoroastrianism (Parsi) in respect of Daman & Diu have been shown against Goa.
4. Percentage to total population for each religion has been given below the absolute figures.

[English]

Price of Essential Commodities

1059. SHRI K.H. MUNIYAPPA : Will the Minister of FOOD AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is steep increase in the prices of essential commodities viz. Wheat, Rice, Mango, Banana, Coffee, Tea and others during the last four months;

(b) if so, the percentage increase in the prices of the said commodities during the said period;

(c) whether the Government have any proposal to check the increase in the prices of essential commodities; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS (SHRI RAGHUVANS PRASAD SINGH) : (a) and (b) During the last four months there was a marginal increase in the general level of prices of commodities as represented by the Wholesale Price Index (WPI) numbers of all commodities. Percentage variations in the wholesale price indices of rice, wheat, mango, banana, coffee, tea and all commodities during the past 4 months ending 5.7.97 (between the 8.3.97 and 5.7.97) are as under:—

Rice	:	3.7
Wheat	:	– 18.3
Mango	:	0.0
Banana	:	10.1
Coffee	:	1.2
Tea	:	36.3
All commodities	:	1.2